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**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Government of India has enacted The Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988 to prevent the misuse of religious institutions for political and other purposes and, The Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 to prohibit conversion of any place of religious worship and to provide for the maintenance of the religious character of any place of worship as it existed on the 15th day of August, 1947, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto;

And whereas, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP(C) No. 8519 of 2006 Union of India Vs. State of Gujarat & Ors. in its orders dated 29th September, 2009 and 16th February 2010 has issued directions that henceforth no unauthorized construction shall be carried out or permitted in the name of Temple, Church, Mosque or Gurudwara on public streets, public parks or other public places;

And whereas, the State Government has also notified the sacred peaks, caves, rocks, lakes, chhoedten and hot springs vide Notification No. 70/HOME/2001 dated 20.9.2001 published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 355 dated 29th September, 2001 as the most sacred Buddhist places of worship and protect them under the provisions of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 and the State Government Notification No. 59/Home/98 dated 26.10.98;

Now, therefore, in compliance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and in due adherence to the practices obtaining in Sikkim, the State Government hereby directs that no new place of religious worship shall henceforth be allowed to be established on any public place in the State of Sikkim.

By order and in the name of the Governor.

**CHIEF SECRETARY.
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